

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer, wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material.

19. (Amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

a thermoplastic adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material being directly applied and adhered to the fixed road surface; and

a thermoplastic wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,

wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material.

21. (Amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material being directly applied and adhered to the fixed road surface; and

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,

wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material, said adhesive layer having a second application temperature which is equal to or slightly higher than its softening point, and wherein said second application temperature is lower than a first application temperature for said wear layer.

Please add new claims as follows:

27. (NEW) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material for direct application and adherence to the fixed road surface;

a wear-warning sheet; and

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,

wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material.

28. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 27, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a coloring pigment contained in either said wear layer or said adhesive layer.

29. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 27, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a translucent adhesive layer.

30. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

31. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said wear layer.

32. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said adhesive layer.

33. (NEW) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material for direct application and adherence to the fixed road surface;

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,

wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material; and a reinforcing sheet.

34. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 33, wherein the reinforcing sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

35. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 33, wherein said reinforcing sheet is located in said wear layer.

36. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 33 wherein the reinforcing sheet comprises a web or a net whose structure is visible through said wear layer.

37. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 33, wherein said reinforcing sheet is placed in said adhesive layer.

38. (New) The surface marking according to Claim 33 wherein said reinforcing sheet comprises a glass fiber web or a glass fiber net.

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